

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the Application. With reference to the listing it is noted that, herewith, claims 1, 16, 17, 29, 31, 32, 47, 48, 60, and 62 are amended. No new matter has been added.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

determining to monitor, at an apparatus, for an event of association of one or more messages with one or more specified criteria, wherein the messages are received, at the apparatus, examining, at an apparatus in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more messages received from a first node separate from the apparatus to be passed through to a second node separate from the apparatus;

determining to monitor, at the apparatus, for an event of one or more nodes, corresponding to holdings in an address book maintained by the apparatus, coming nearby;

determining to provide providing, at the apparatus to said user, in accordance with one or more specified criteria, a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more of the events known by the apparatus, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said events, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said apparatus displayed a screensaver, and wherein said events correspond to one or more of the messages received from the first node to be passed through to the second node; and

determining to enable enabling, at the apparatus, said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more of said events relate to software accessible by said apparatus.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to one or more entities.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to chat.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said notifications scroll.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining to provide ~~providing~~ a tactile indication to said user.
17. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
  - determining to maintain ~~maintaining~~, at an apparatus, a number of authenticated connections to at least a first node and a second node, wherein the first node and the second node are nodes in a peer-to-peer environment, and wherein the first node and the second node are separate from the apparatus;
  - receiving, at the apparatus from the first node, via one or more of said authenticated connections, one or more messages to be passed through to the second node;

determining to monitor, at the apparatus, for an event of association of one or more of the messages with one or more specified criteria ~~examining, at the apparatus in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more of the messages to be passed through to the second node; and~~

determining to monitor, at the apparatus, for an event of one or more nodes, corresponding to holdings in an address book maintained by the apparatus, coming nearby; and

determining to provide ~~providing, at the apparatus, to said user a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more of the events said messages to be passed through wherein content of each of the messages to be passed through to which said notifications correspond matches one or more specified criteria, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said events messages to which said notifications correspond, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said apparatus displayed a screensaver,~~

wherein determining to maintain ~~maintaining~~ and receiving were performed while the user interface of said apparatus displayed the screensaver.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to one or more entities.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to chat.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed

simultaneously to said user.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein displaying is via a screensaver.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

26. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.

27. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said notifications scroll.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

determining to enable enabling said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or

more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising determining to provide ~~providing~~ a tactile indication to said user.

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~a memory having program code stored therein; and~~

~~a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;~~

~~wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform at least one processor; and~~

at least one memory including computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to perform:

determine to monitor for an event of association of one or more messages with one or more specified criteria, wherein the messages are received, at the apparatus, examining, in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more messages received from a first node separate from the apparatus to be passed through to a second node separate from the apparatus;

determine to monitor for an event of one or more nodes, corresponding to holdings in an

address book maintained by the apparatus, coming nearby;

determine to provide ~~providing~~ to said user, ~~in accordance with one or more specified~~  
~~criteria,~~ a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more of the  
events ~~known by the apparatus,~~ wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said  
events, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said  
apparatus displayed a screensaver, ~~and wherein said events correspond to one or more of the~~  
~~messages received from the first node to be passed through to the second node; and~~

determine to enable ~~enabling~~ said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more  
of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said one or more of said events  
relate to software accessible by said apparatus.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said messages  
correspond to one or more entities.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said messages  
correspond to chat.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein two or more of said notifications  
are displayed simultaneously to said user.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said notifications scroll.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein software corresponding to a



selected notification is activated.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to determine to provide ~~said processor further performs providing~~ a tactile indication to said user.

48. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~a memory having program code stored therein; and~~  
~~a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in~~  
~~accordance with said stored program code;~~  
~~wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to~~  
~~perform~~ at least one processor; and  
at least one memory including computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to perform:

determine to maintain ~~maintaining~~ a number of authenticated connections to at least a first node and a second node, wherein the first node and the second node are nodes in a peer-to-peer environment, and wherein the first node and the second node are separate from the apparatus;

~~receiving~~ receive from the first node, via one or more of said authenticated connections, one or more messages to be passed through to the second node;

determine to monitor for an event of association of one or more of the messages with one

~~or more specified criteria examining, in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more of the messages to be passed through to the second node; and~~

~~determine to monitor for an event of one or more nodes, corresponding to holdings in an address book maintained by the apparatus, coming nearby; and~~

~~determine to provide providing to said user a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more of the events said messages to be passed through wherein content of each of the messages to be passed through to which said notifications correspond matches one or more specified criteria, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said events messages to which said notifications correspond, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said apparatus displayed a screensaver,~~

~~wherein determination to maintain maintaining and receiving receipt were performed while the user interface of said apparatus displayed the screensaver.~~

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to one or more entities.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to chat.

51. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein displaying is via a screensaver.
53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.
54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.
55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.
56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.
57. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.
58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said notifications scroll.
59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.
60. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the

apparatus to determine to enable ~~said processor further performs: enabling~~ said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

61. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.

62. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to determine to provide ~~said processor further performs providing~~ a tactile indication to said user.